

## MUST DEFER TO BLUE

Bonaparte Asks Law Forcing Respect of Uniform.

## GRILLS DESERTERS' FRIENDS

Secretary Deplores Practice of Influential Men in Begging Undeserved Clemency for Those Who Have Been Disloyal to Flag—Urges Formation of Advisory Board.

Among the subjects treated in the annual report of Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy, the most striking is his conclusions in regard to the evil of desertion by the enlisted men. He condemns the practice of friends of deserters who seek to remove or mitigate the offense of men who "deliberately break a voluntarily assumed duty of great moment to the community."

"In perfectly clear cases of desertion," says the Secretary, "the department is frequently besieged with entreaties for a wholly undeserved clemency on the part of prominent members of the community and even of men in public office, who apparently fail to realize that a part of a deserter's punishment ought to be the blame and aversion of all good citizens."

"It is to be regretted that the moral culpability involved in this deliberate and wilful breach of a voluntarily assumed legal duty of great moment to the community, and also of a promise made under the sanction of an oath and with a full appreciation of its meaning and consequences, should be often so imperfectly appreciated by those who from their position and standing, might be expected to feel strongly the guilt of perjury, disobedience to law, and disloyalty to the flag."

## Demands Courtesy to Uniform.

Secretary Bonaparte speaks with equal force concerning any indignity shown officers or men who wear the uniform of the service. On this point he says:

"I am happy to say that the earnest protests made by the President, the department, and prominent officers against indignities inflicted on enlisted men, by an insulting discrimination against the uniform they wear, have caused a very gratifying and salutary expression of public opinion on this subject. This has been rendered more emphatic by the indignation aroused by those who from their position and standing, might be expected to feel strongly the guilt of perjury, disobedience to law, and disloyalty to the flag."

"I feel that the department is entitled to the aid of the Congress in its efforts to secure a proper respect for the uniform and proper consideration for the men who have devoted themselves to the service of their country, and I hope that a law may be enacted constituting such conduct a crime when committed by a public carrier or innkeeper, or the proprietor, manager, or employee of any place of public resort or amusement. The moral effect of the enactment of such a statute would be probably sufficient to render prosecutions under it extremely infrequent."

## Urges Two Vice Admirals.

Secretary Bonaparte briefly discusses the creation of the rank of vice admiral in the navy as follows:

"The plan of the board on personnel includes the creation of three vice admirals. The department recommended in its last annual report that at least two officers of this rank should be provided. A bill was subsequently prepared and submitted to the Committees on Naval Affairs of the two Houses providing that the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic and Asiatic fleets should have the title, rank, and pay of vice admiral while holding the position, but no longer. Any one of these three plans would afford a remedy for a situation which is already annoying and, in some measure, injurious to discipline, and must become more so with the gradual increase of the navy. The Secretary defends in a few vigorous paragraphs the work of the general board, declaring that the criticism heaped upon it in certain quarters arises from a misapprehension of its functions and exaggerated expectations which its organization aroused. He speaks at length of the Naval Reserve, and urges upon Congress legislation which will provide for a large reserve of trained seamen in place of the present "dramatic" or "contingent." One of the Secretary's suggestions is that "every able-bodied man of good moral character, within certain limits of age, who has served at least four years in the navy and been discharged with credit, should be enrolled on a reserve list, in return for which he should receive from \$15 to \$25 per month, according to his rating at the time of leaving the service."

## Wants a Chaplain on Each Ship.

After sanctioning the increase of navy chaplains from twenty-four to forty, as recommended by the board of personnel, the Secretary says:

"There should be, in my judgment, a chaplain on every first-class vessel of the navy and on each one of many smaller vessels as can be suitably provided. I do not think it right that several hundred citizens on our largest vessels, as many as 800, or even more, should live for months isolated from all religious observances, should be deprived of the consolation of religion in case of sickness or death, and should be unable, in case of need, to call upon a spiritual adviser."

## Recommends Active Cabinet.

Secretary Bonaparte renews his recommendation that a small corps of commissioned officers, to be known as "civilian," be attached to the naval establishment, employed in the higher posts now filled by civil employees in the department and at the more important naval stations, and recruited from the most competent and deserving members of the civil establishment.

Mr. Bonaparte submits that undesirable results have been found, by experience, to flow from special legislation in the interest of individual officers in the service. Unquestionably, cases of peculiar hardship will occasionally occur which can only be remedied by the interposition of the legislative branch of the government, but, unless it be to obviate extreme and evident injustice, he recommends that special legislation looking to the promotion, reinstatement, or other advancement of particular officers should be avoided.

## Needs Another Dry Dock.

He urges upon Congress that authorize the construction of at least one more floating dry dock, adding that one should be provided for the Atlantic and one for the Pacific coast.

The Secretary frowns upon the inventions brought to the department of formidable and more or less mysterious agencies of destruction, intended to protect the country from hostile fleets without the maintenance of a powerful navy, pronouncing them the result of "ill-informed and mispent ingenuity." He mentions, especially, automatic torpedoes, torpedoes, craft, submarines, and dirigible balloons, saying:

"Experience has indicated that all of these several inventions, except the last, may have a legitimate, although very circumscribed, field of utility in modern naval warfare; but I feel that I ought to place on record in this connection the conviction of the department that the only trustworthy safeguard for our country against a hostile fleet is to have at least one American battle ship ready to deal with her."

## DAILY FASHION HINT.



Dark Furs High Style.

Furs to match one's frock is the latest fashion edict, brought about, no doubt, by the liking evidenced early in the autumn for the many colored marabout sets dyed to match the tints of the gowns of fashionable colorings. So, when the extra warmth of fur was needed, shoppers began hunting for furs to match their frocks. The narrow range of fur colorings has deepened the tone of frocks generally, while black fur is discovered to look well with gowns of almost any hue. Black lynx sets, like the muff and stole shown, are very popular.

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## Would Not Manufacture Own Plate.

The Secretary sums up a rather lengthy discussion of the question of the government furnishing its own armor plate as follows:

"There are only two ways in which it is practicable to control such a situation: either the government must be authorized to manufacture its own armor plate, or it must be permitted to buy this abroad. I recommend that both privileges be accorded to the department. The first mentioned of them would be, however, probably ineffectual, since not only would the cost of establishing a government plant greatly exceed any difference in the price of the product which could be obtained in a single year, but the delay attendant upon the establishment of such a manufacturing plant would be very objectionable, and might involve expensive complications with the contractors building the ships on which the armor would be used; and, finally, experience has shown that there are serious drawbacks to the permanent operation of a plan of this character by the government."

Mr. Bonaparte would commemorate in some proper way the victories of the old Constitution, and recommends that so much of the materials of the present ship as can be shown to have belonged to the original Constitution, and to be also of some utility, or at least of no detriment on board a modern ship of war, be transferred to a new vessel to be named the Constitution, and that the remainder of the ship be broken up.

He discusses at some length the report of the construction board with reference to the increase of the navy, showing that it differs in some particulars with that of the general board, and says with reference to the construction of two new battle ships:

"With respect to the two battle ships which, with the one already authorized, would make three equal in fighting force to any which, so far as is known, will be possessed by a foreign power at the time of their completion, I have already said that I consider the authorization of one such vessel, a consort to the ship already authorized, is clearly demanded by the requirements of naval warfare, and bearing the responsibility for my present decision, I deem it my duty to counsel this further addition to our force."

## WANT NAVAL RESERVE LIST.

Plan Suggested to Reduce Age Average of Officers.

Simultaneously with the publication of the annual report of Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, the report of the special board for the revision of the laws governing the naval personnel, of which Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry is president, was made public. Highly important recommendations for the betterment of the commissioned personnel of the navy, which are approved in his annual report by Secretary Bonaparte, are made by the board. Its report has been transmitted to Congress with a recommendation that remedial legislation be granted as suggested by the board.

In the opinion of officers of the navy, the most important recommendation made by the personnel board is one for the creation of a so-called "reserve list," on which, it is proposed, to put each year a certain number of officers from the various grades, in order that the average age of officers in the high grades of the navy may be materially reduced. In its report the board says, relative to this matter:

"An examination of the navy list discloses a condition of affairs under the present law that seriously affects the efficiency of the service and constitutes a grave menace, if not a positive danger, to the public interests. As taken from the navy list, the average of rear admirals on July 1, 1906, was sixty-eight years and eight months; of captains, fifty-seven years and nine months; of commanders, fifty-one years and four months. Congress has authorized a considerable increase in the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy. But no provision has been made for a corresponding increase in the upper grades, the result being that the lower grades will become so congested that a midshipman now in one of the lower classes at Annapolis may possibly not be promoted to lieutenant until he is between forty-five and fifty years of age."

## FIRE FOLLOWS BLAST

Damage Is Estimated at Half Million or More.

## SEVERAL EMPLOYEES MISSING

Explosion in Shoe Factory at Lynn, Mass., Starts Blaze Which Burns for Many Hours, and Lays Waste Several Large Blocks—Railway Station Is Also Destroyed.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 6.—The damage done by the fire which started early this morning in the Harney Shoe Company factory, in West Lynn, is estimated at between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Several employees who were reported missing have not been found.

The fire, which was not extinguished until late to-night, spread over several blocks, and, before the flames had ceased, factories and dwellings covering more than three acres of territory had been destroyed. The fire started by the explosion of a boiler in the Harney factory.

About a dozen persons were injured by the concussion and the fire following, and are in a hospital here.

Several Buildings Destroyed.

The buildings destroyed were the Harney shoe factory, in Alley street; Tufts & Friedman shoe factory, West Lynn station of the Boston and Maine Railroad, boiler house between above two factories, Owen box factory, H. P. Hood creamery, grocery store owned by Maurice Burko-witz, and several dwellings in Charles street.

The explosion occurred just before 7 o'clock, when the employees were assembling at their benches. There was a roar, and the building, a five-story wooden structure, was torn apart, heavy machinery dropping from floor to floor. Almost immediately the ruins took fire.

Felt in Other Factories.

Fortunately for those in the building, or a majority of them, the stairways held for the most part, as did the fire escapes, and to this fact the absence of a large loss of life is due. In the other factories near by the effect of the explosion was felt, windows being smashed and holes torn into the walls. The Boston and Maine station, immediately across the railroad tracks, was wrecked. Debris from the Harney Building piled on the track ten feet high and blocked all traffic over the eastern division.

## FOREST INSPECTOR HEARD.

## Allen Says Supervisors Must Be Intelligent Men.

Inspector E. T. Allen opened an interesting discussion in presenting to the Society of American Foresters last evening a paper on "How to Make Forest Reserve Work Attractive." The meeting was held at the home of the president of the society, Clifford Pinchot, 1615 Rhode Island avenue.

Mr. Allen showed the importance and value of the supervisors and rangers' meetings, inaugurated the past year, to afford opportunity for exchange of experience and a chance to learn more of technical and office methods.

Mr. Allen said: "The average supervisor is charged with the administration of 100,000 acres, worth intrinsically \$6,000,000, and as a protector of public interests worth many times more. He should be not only an administrator, merchant, and lawyer, but stockman, miner, lumberman, and forester, and these suggest a man of his wide equipment should be without considering the general character and integrity which go with such a responsible position. I do not think it is too much to say that in private business a man actually competent to fill it, would be considered cheap at \$5,000 a year."

Christian Science.

Editor The Washington Herald:

Allow me a few words in answer to Mr. Smith, at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday, in which he attacked Christian Science. It is a matter of surprise that a man of Mr. Smith's evident ability and good sense along other lines should be so sadly mistaken as to make the statement that the study of "Science and Health" would cause insanity. Proof is far more than mere assertion. If it depended upon what he says, or what I say, it would soon narrow down to a question of personal veracity between Mr. Smith and myself. But, fortunately, I have indisputable evidence that the reading of "Science and Health," so far from causing insanity, has healed it. Can he prove his contrary statement? Is it

## FROM WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT.

It is hardly fair to condemn international marriages on the disaster that has followed in the wake of the few, for there are decent, self-respecting men in every country, and no nation is without its scoundrels. An heiress always runs grave danger in marrying, unless her money is so firmly settled upon herself and prospective offspring that itching fingers cannot grasp it, and she is never quite sure that love is the foundation of her romance. She may believe what she pleases, however, and there is where she often comes to grief.

The foreign custom of demanding a dowry with a wife does not work to the advantage of all parties. The husband may cause as much misery as he pleases, after he secures his money, and there is no redress. The remedy for future unhappiness is the divorce court, of course, but no power can restore the dollars which gave the man the means of inflicting humiliations. The wife who holds the purse strings is mistress of the situation, and can command a certain degree of respect.

It is said, with some degree of truth, that the heiress who buys a title deserves whatever misfortune comes with it. She does, surely, if she knows that it adorns a profligate, but that knowledge does not always come to women who have favors to bestow. A fortune-hunter is on his good behavior while there is the slightest doubt of his success, and reputations do not invariably follow men in their wanderings. Fate generally reserves her hardest blows for moments of apparent security, you know.

The portionless bride may be sure of one thing—she is not attractive for the property she owns. Yet she does not always draw a matrimonial prize. She may secure ease and position at the expense of happiness, and find herself quite as wretched as her rich sister. Unhappy marriages are confined to no one class, and it is quite possible for good men to go wrong without the decency of a home excuse. But marriage is not to be discouraged, because it is the natural destiny of men and women, and ordinary precautions are all that the best of us can take.

I must say that the secondly husbands of some of our heiresses have fared much better than they deserve. Apparently the women have been willing to pay quite as handsomely to get rid of the expensive purchase of younger days. Perhaps we can appreciate the sentiment in a way, but no fair-minded person likes their labor. There are very many lovely women in this country going through a rather unwelcome spinsterhood, despite our talk of the pleasure of independence.

However, American girls will continue to marry where fancy leads them. In this country or elsewhere. Young women of means spend a good deal of time abroad, and the manners in foreign countries are rather captivating, it is said. Then again the young men of America are not of the fortune-hunting class, and preferring to marry on equal terms, they put off matrimony till fortune smiles upon their labor. There are very many lovely women in this country going through a rather unwelcome spinsterhood, despite our talk of the pleasure of independence.

BETTY BRADEN.

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Press Criticisms on Rosenthal's New York Appearance:

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New York Times: "In the slow movement Rosenthal sang the melody with ravishing tonal color and purity of style. In the finale he let loose some of the pent up energy of the strong man rejoicing in his strength."

New York Sun: "Again he played the Brahms Variations on a theme by Paganini. Nothing analytical can be said of this performance. It is all simply stupendous. It makes the technical achievements of other pianists pale."

New York World: "He swayed his audience last night as it has seldom been swayed, and he gave an exhibition of piano playing that left every one breathless, save the performers."

New York Evening Post: "A large audience repeatedly indulged in demonstrations of enthusiasm, which some persons chose to call hysterical, although there is really no reason why one should not get excited over good music, brilliantly played, as well as over a boat race or a football match. Nearly the whole audience remained standing or crowding toward the stage, twenty-two minutes, clamoring for more."

New York Tribune: "It is doubtful if anybody can recall a finer performance of the slow movement of Chopin's B minor sonata than that which it received at Mr. Rosenthal's hands. It was infused with a serene beauty that bore it up as on angel's wings, and it was as symmetrical and clear as a perfect crystal."

New York Press: "No healthy person who has a knowledge of music can avoid the fascination this player's prowess exerts. Wonderful is no word for it; marvelous hardly expresses the effect. His playing is awful, uncanny, weird, crushing, dumbfounding, breath-catching. It almost affects one as does an outbreak of nature unfettered—the heave of the earth in the throes of an earthquake, or the belching forth of fire from a volcano."

New York Evening Telegram: "At times transcendental. The technique, the mechanics of the keyboard, the power of sustained muscular effort, defied description. It was an implish machination in dexterity, power, brilliance, clarity, and rhythm."

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